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FOR AMBASSADOR

UNDERSTAND SCENARIO YOU OUTLINED REFS C AND D, AND WE AGREE
THAT IT WOULD NORMALLY BE BEST ROUTE FOR BRINGING GOI
ROUND BOTH TO ACCEPTANCE OUR NEW AID LEVELS AND TO
RATIONAL RESTRUCTURING OF AID REQUEST IN TIME FOR MAY
IGGI. WE ARE CONCERNED, HOWEVER, THAT TIME IS RUNNING
OUT (OUR CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION WILL BE PUBLIC IN
EARLY APRIL), AND WE ALSO FEEL STRONGLY WE MUST INFORM
SOME OTHER KEY DONORS, ESPECIALLY JAPANESE, OF OUR ALTERED
AID PLANS BEFORE THEY ARE MADE PUBLIC IN CONGRESSIONAL
PRESENTATION. THEREFORE, WE WONDER IF YOU MIGHT NOT SEEK
IMMEDIATE MEETING WITH WIDJOJO TO LAY CARDS ON TABLE,
INDICATING FIGURES REF B, IN CANDID SESSION PRIOR TO SEEING
SUHARTO. NOT ONLY WOULD THIS SPEED UP SCENARIO BUT IT
WOULD PERMIT SUHARTO TO DIGEST BAD NEWS IN ADVANCE OF HIS
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MEETING WITH YOU, AND BOTH HE AND YOU MIGHT THEN FIND IT

MORE COMFORTABLE TO DEAL IN GENERALITIES RATHER THAN HARD,
SPECIFIC FIGURES. KISSINGER

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